| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 89. | | Uttaranchal Gramin Bank | State Bank of India |
| 90. | West Bengal | Uttar Banga Ksh. Gr. Bk. | Central Bank of India |
| 91. | | Bangiya Gramin Vikash Bank | United Bank of India |
| 92. | | Paschim Banga Gramin Bank | UCO Bank |

**Service Tax charged per allottee by AFNHB**

1547. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answers to Unstarred Questions 2160 and 4381 (part c) given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th December, 2006 and the 15th May, 2007 respectively and state:

(a) whether allottees were actually charged any amount in the name of service tax;

(b) if so, what was the amount charged per allottee;

(c) the head under which this amount was deposited with his Ministry;

(d) if no, the reasons for giving misleading information to Parliament;

(e) the action taken against the officials of Air Force Naval Housing Board (AFNHB), if any; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

**Widening Budget Deficit**

1548. SHRl M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Budget Deficit of the country has widened and is increasing;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government **in** this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) The details of Combined deficit of Centre and State Governments are given below. Both revenue and fiscal deficit as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has been continuously declining during the last three years.

| Year | Revenue Deficit | Fiscal Deficit | Revenue Deficit | Fiscal - Deficit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (Rs. Crore) | | (As per cent of GDP) | |
| 2005-06 | 94990 | 239323 | 2.7 | 6.7 |
| 2006-07 | 84739 | 264506 | 2.1 | 6.4 |
| (RE) 2007- | S4188 | 257867 | 1.2 | 5.6 |

RE: Revised Estimates BE: Budget Estimates

SOURCE: A handbook of Statistics on Indian Economy, 2006-07, Reserve Bank of India.

(c) The Government is committed to contain the revenue deficit and fiscal deficit in compliance with provisions contained in the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2003. This is sought to be achieved through the strategy of fiscal consolidation by public expenditure management and improved tax administration.

**Economic conditions of villagers in tribal** areas

1549. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the per capita income of the villagers in tribal areas has changed for the better;

(b) the comparative figures for the last three years with the earlier three years;

(c) the figures of bank credit to the tribal villages of Central India for the last three years;

(d) the amount of credit that has gone to the tribals; and

(e) the comparative figures regarding Kurdeg and Bolba blocks of Simdega district and Chainpur and Dumri blocks of Gumla district of Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) The Central Statistical Organisation, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, do not collect data for per capital income of the villagers in tribal area.

(c) and (d) The details of bank credit to the tribal villages and tribal men and women in the state of Chhattisgarh for last three years are as under:—

Bank credit to Tribals (Amount in Rs. lakhs)

| Year | Credit to Tribal Villages | Total Credit to Tribal men and Women |
|---|---|---|
| 2004-05 | 203960 | 26782 |
| 2005-06 | 221755 | 34111 |
| 2006-07 | 272604 | 46368 |

(e) Total loans outstanding and the share of Scheduled Tribes in "such loans in Bolba, Kurdeg, Chainpui and Dumri Blocks are as indicated below:

| District | Block | Year | Loan Outstanding (Rs. lakhs) | Of which to Scheduled Tribes (Rs. lakhs) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| imdega | Bolba | 2004-05 | 120.00 | 68.00 |
| | | 2005-06 | 140.00 | 84.00 |
| | | 2006-07 | '66 00 | 96.00 |
| Simdega | Kurdog | 2004-05 | 192.00 | 87.00 |
| | | 2005-06 | 185.00 | 86.00 |
| | | 2006-07 | 217.00 | 106.00 |
| Gumla | Chainpur | 2004-05 | 250.70 | 194.42 |
| | | 2005-06 | 283.82 | 212.60 |
| | | 2006-07 | 306.60 | 206.57 |
| sla | Dumri | 2004-05 | 146.97 | 72.78 |
| | | 2005-06 | 200.33 | 119.70 |
| | | 20064)7 | 234.12 | 134.32 |